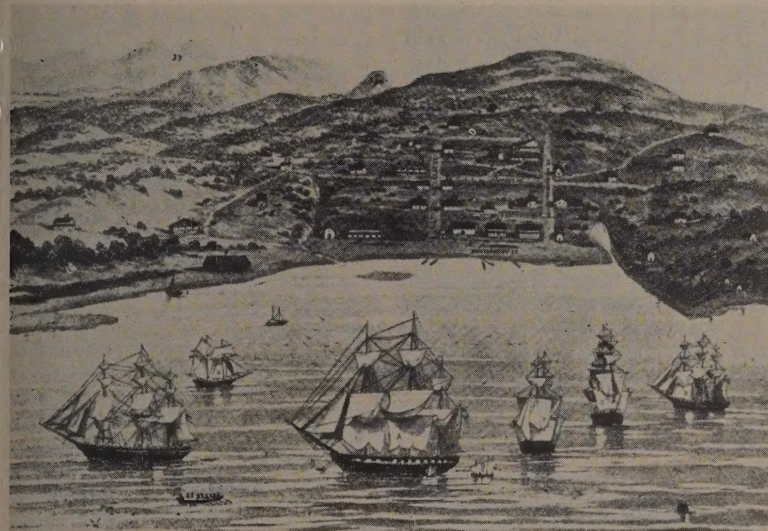


1849--CALIFORNIA'S CENTURY OF PROGRESS--1949



These two remarkable photographs tell the story of one of the most amazing developments of any century in history and of any area in the world, namely, San Francisco City and San Francisco Bay, in 1846 and in 1949. But it is far more than the San Francisco Bay area, for in 1846 San Francisco was about all of California, and the beautiful airplane photo of 1949 shows the development cross the Bay and the great stretch of 280 miles to Mt. Shasta. In all of the valleys and mountainsides the growth of population has gone on. What has happened in the Bay area is also true of Sacramento, Stockton, Fresno, San Jose, and the fast growing smaller

towns and cities, and the myriad of ranches in the great central valleys, in Santa Clara Valley, and the coast regions. "Westward the star of empire!" was said long ago. Likewise, "Westward our Christian cause": Palestine, Asia Minor, Greece, Rome, Britain, the New World, the Far East. As we celebrate the sacrifices of our fathers in bringing to this fair California the message and institutions of our Lord Jesus Christ, and as we contemplate the need of that Christ today, "Oh, God, to us may grace be given to follow in their train."

DISPLACED PERSONS

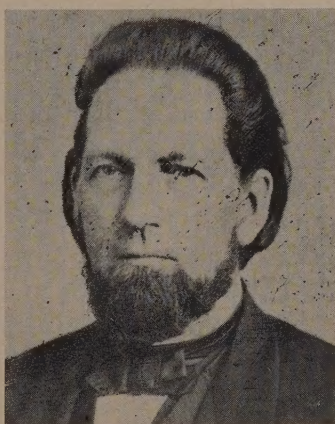
The Congregational Christian Service Committee presents a real opportunity to put our Christian faith into practice by doing our part toward the resettlement of 350 Protestant displaced families.

Through the Social Action Committee, the churches of the Conference have been advised of this need with the request that every effort be made to conduct a survey for housing, employment, and transportation money to assist a displaced person or family to settle in their communities. Several of our churches are interested and are making surveys to see what can be done.

A displaced person by definition is anyone forced by the Nazi or Fascists to leave his country to work for the German war effort in World War II, or anyone deported or held away from home for religious, racial or political reasons. Now waiting in "DP" camps overseas are families having the skills, the "know-how," the experience for which your community could provide opportunity. The only opportunity desired is a chance to work, the opportunity to pioneer in the real spirit of America. See your pastor if you can help!

Congratulations

Gary Marshall Walters was born at Nurnberg, Germany, on February 5 to Captain and Mrs. L. Verdette Walters. Mr. Walters is chaplain of the United States Army stationed in Germany.



Rev. Joseph A. Benton, sometimes called the father and mother of Congregationalism in California. He organized the Sacramento church in September, 1849, and remained there for some fourteen years. He was the intimate friend of many of the men who built the financial structure of our state, including the Crockers, Huntington, D. O. Mills, and Charles Holbrook. His next pastorate was in San Francisco, and he became the first teacher of Pacific Theological Seminary. During a number of years he was one of the editors of *The Pacific*. This photo was taken about the year 1870. He was a prophet of rare insight. Read his eloquent words in adjoining column.

Prophecy and Fulfilment

At the first Thanksgiving service after California became a state, namely, November 30, 1850, Rev. Joseph A. Benton, pastor of the Pioneer Church in Sacramento, gave the following remarkable prophecy of the future of this state. The Centennial observance enables us to contribute to the development of the next century.

"A million people cannot fail to thrive by cultivating this virgin soil, and in fifty years they will be here to make the demonstration. Farm houses will dot thickly every valley; marshes will be redeemed from overflow; arid wastes will bloom in beauty and yield harvests of joy.

"The state will not fall behind the chiefest in arts, manufacturing and in commerce. With hundreds of miles of navigable bays and rivers, with 700 miles of sea coast, with earth's broadest ocean at her feet, gemmed with a thousand sea isles, and laving the shores of continents, California is to be the queen of the seas, and within the Golden Gates are to be docks and depots of a steam and electromagnetic marine of which all the steam marine that now exists is but the minutest embryo. The iron horse that has drunk the waters of the Mississippi will fly over mountain and plain and river, breathe defiance to yonder beetling and towering peaks of snow as he dashes forward through the tunneled depths beneath and comes thundering through our streets to slake his thirst at the Sacramento.

"The world's center will change;

ASSOCIATIONS

The dates and places of the Association meetings appear elsewhere in this issue under the caption "Calendar of Events." The team of speakers will consist of Rev. Robert W. Inglis, pastor of Plymouth Church, Oakland, and moderator of the Conference, Mrs. E. B. Kientz, president of the Federation of Congregational Women, and Supt. Harley H. Gill. Church Extension Director Sidney H. Buckingham will be on the team for the Santa Clara, Redwood Empire, Sacramento, and Bay Associations. Director of Christian Education William W. Meyer will be a member of the team for the Bay, Upper Bay, Central, and San Joaquin Associations.

A NEW PROPHECY

"It is your privilege to enter your second century with the vision to lay such foundations as may very well enable Northern California in some future decades to be the final center of our denomination. We now think in global terms, and the Pacific Coast may be the center of a new world emphasis."

The above challenging message for our Centennial comes from Rev. Howard Conn, who grew up in Fresno, was active in our state youth work and is now pastor of our great Plymouth Congregational Church in Minneapolis.

this will be the land of pilgrimage, and no man will be thought to have seen the world till he has visited California."

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THUS FAR IN '49

The statement of comparative giving from our churches for the first three months of the apportionment year is both encouraging and discouraging. The sum total in the two columns would seem to be encouraging, with 1949 nearly \$4,000 ahead of 1948, but it must not be forgotten that beginning with this year the giving for Relief and Reconstruction is included as a part of the regular giving of the churches. Last year it was reported separately for CWVR, and for the same period amounted to \$10,383 for the three months. All of this means that we are about \$6,000 behind a year ago in the first three months. A part of this will be corrected by the receipts from "One Great Hour." The response of treasurers in sending in remittances through March was quite general and deeply appreciated. It would help greatly if all churches were to remit monthly.

	Jan. 11 to Mar. 31, 1948	Jan. 11 to Mar. 31, 1949
Alameda	\$ 301.07	\$ 273.01
Alturas	72.46	25.00
Angels Camp	44.85	44.85
Antioch	80.33	82.74
Auburn	60.00	75.00
Benicia	50.00	50.00
Berkeley, Arlington	81.94	73.43
First	2,829.29	3,282.51
North	287.90	361.10
South	144.42	197.24
Campbell	120.00	72.19
Cedarville	5.60	5.60
Cloverdale	52.67	72.25
Cotati	62.50	62.50
Crockett	28.60	32.03
Dinuba	.66	2.00
Eagleville	7.36	26.53
Etna	26.53	26.53
Eureka	169.33	248.38
Fairfax	75.00	75.00
Ferndale	76.05	183.40
Fowler	50.00	50.00
Fresno, First	300.00	612.50
Japanese	25.00	25.00
Glen Ellen	50.00	34.23
Hayward	537.50	537.50
Kenwood	14.18	57.70
Lodi, Ebenezer	50.00	50.00
First	1,432.00	734.50
Loleta	7.82	7.82
Loomis	100.00	100.00
Martinez	466.64	228.90
Modesto	52.28	52.28
Murphys	100.00	100.00
Niles	50.00	50.00
Oakland—		
Bethany Armenian	71.57	71.57
First	1,320.00	1,747.83
Fruitvale	58.41	58.41
Japanese	80.00	30.00
New Pilgrim	36.00	5.47
Plymouth	527.69	771.31
Orinda	216.74	560.28
Oroville	341.10	154.12
Pacific Grove	100.00	100.00
Palo Alto	500.00	1,448.14
Paradise	300.00	150.00
Pescadero	10.00	10.00

THE HEART OF THE MOTHER LODGE



This is a picture of the church and Sunday School at Angels Camp taken on Jumping Frog celebration day in 1948. Annually on this occasion the people of Angels Camp dress in pioneer costumes. Rev. Lawrence D. Granger, pastor, wearing a silk "top-

per," can be seen near the railing of the steps. Read the announcement in this issue of the special Centennial service at Angels Camp in which other churches are asked to join, to be held on Sunday, May 8.

Centennial Service in Gold Country

A special service will be held at the Angels Camp Church on Sunday, May 8th, in connection with the Conference Centennial Celebration. Members of the local church will attend in costumes and will go to the town park after the service with their baskets of lunches. They will be entertained by the "Miners' Band," which is a revival of the old organization which provided music at Angels Camp in mining days. The sermon will be preached by Pres. Ronald Bridges on the subject "The New Canaan." Loud speakers will be connected so that an overflow audience can hear the sermon.

Members of the Congregational Churches in the Conference are invited to drive up to Angels Camp for this special celebration. We suggest the following route from Stockton: Take State Highway No. 4 via Farmington and Copperopolis to Angels Camp, arriving at 11 a.m. The driving time from Stockton by this route is about one and one-half hours. After

lunch visit the historic Congregational Church at Murphys and return via State Highway No. 49 through San Andreas and Mokelumne Hill.

At Mokelumne Hill the old Congregational Church Building will be open for visitors in the afternoon. It is the oldest Congregational Church building still in use as a church. Return to the valley via State Highway No. 104, which joins U.S. Highway No. 99 near Galt.

Rev. Lawrence D. Granger and the members of the Angels Camp Church hope that many of our people will take this interesting trip through the Mother Lode Country. In order to make this trip from the Bay area parties should leave at 7 a.m. and will be home again by 7 p.m. This is a 12-hour tour, including time for the church service and picnic lunch. Coffee will be served free of charge by the ladies of the Angels Camp Church. For further information write to Rev. Lawrence Granger, Angels Camp, California.

CAZADERO SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

June 11-18—Central and San Joaquin P. F.—Rev. Terence Stoker.
June 18-25—Student Group—Rev. Gordon L. Foster.
June 25-July 2—Redwood-Upper Bay.
July 2-9—West Bay—Rev. H. Weldon Batty.
July 9-16—East Bay—Rev. George W. Lindsay.
July 16-23—Junior High (East Bay, Central, San Joaquin)—Rev. William F. Keeney.
July 23-30—Junior—Mrs. Winifred Batty.
July 30-August 6—Junior Hi (Redwood, Upper Bay, West Bay)—C. T. Gustafson.
August 6-13—Adult Camp.
August 13-20—Family Camp.
August 20-27—Family Camp.
August 27-September 3—State P. F.—Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe.
September 3-5—Young Adults.

Our Growth and Our Losses in '48

The Year Book statistical reports have been made up and forwarded to the General Council. In spite of the fact that our churches were asked to clear their membership lists as far as consistent with their policies, we showed a gain of about 500, bringing the total to 26,427. 1,281 were admitted on confession, and the total received numbered 2,589. There were 276 removed by death, 453 by letter and 1,348 by revision of roll. Church School enrollment showed a drop of about 300 and young people's organizations a drop of nearly 600. The value of church properties increased by \$1,500,000, which probably reflects in part a higher evaluation placed by trustees for purposes of insurance. The total is now \$5,700,000. Home expenses increased by \$42,000, the total being about \$652,000, but in addition \$144,000 was spent for improvements to properties, \$426,000 for new church buildings, and about \$30,000 for new parsonages. There has been a considerable increase in the level of ministers' salaries, the total for full time men now averaging a little better than \$3,000.

Our Centennial observances might well reflect not only the raising of \$100,000 capital funds but a very great step forward in church membership, in Sunday School enrollment, and in the number participating in our youth activities.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 19, 20, 21—Rural Pastoral Conference, Davis, California.
April 21—Spring Meeting of Women's Federation at Petaluma.
April 26—Santa Clara Association at San Carlos.
April 27—Redwood Empire Association at Guerneville.
April 28 and 29—Sacramento Valley Association at Alturas.
April 29-May 1—German Conference, Zion Church, Fresno.
May 3—Bay Association at Plymouth Church, Oakland.
May 4—Upper Bay Association at Port Chicago.
May 5—Central Association at Ripon.
May 6—San Joaquin at Porterville.
May 9-11—Women's Federation at Cazadero.
May 15—Centennial observances in churches.
May 15—East Bay P. F. Rally at Piedmont.
May 15—San Joaquin P. F. Rally at Porterville.
May 15—Redwood P. F. Rally at Mill Valley.
May 15—West Bay Junior Hi Rally at San Mateo.
May 17-18—E. & R. Synod annual meeting, Inglewood.
May 22—South Central P. F. Rally.
May 22—West Bay P. F. Rally at Sunnyvale.
June 3—Young Adult dinner, Berkeley, First.
June 4-5—Laymen's Retreat, Cazadero.
June 17-27—International Congregational Conference, Wellesley, Mass.
June 19-28—Institute of International Relations, Mills College.
June 20-July 27—La Foret School for Pastors.
July 30 to August 27—Foreign Fruit project, Hughson.
August 5-10—Missionary Education Movement Conference, Asilomar.
October 26, 27 and 28—Annual meeting of Conference at First Church, San Francisco.

Totals \$15,604.69 \$19,318.49

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

BERKELEY, SOUTH COMMUNITY.—This church sponsored a farewell banquet in honor of Rev. Buell J. Gallagher, co-pastor, and his family. Dr. Gallagher has gone to Washington, D.C., where he will hold an important post in the Federal Government. At the banquet, greetings were brought by representatives of our Congregational Conference, the Pacific School of Religion, East Bay Fellowship of Negro Ministers, the A. F. of L., the C. I. O. and the mayor of the city. The women of the church presented Mrs. Gallagher with a beautiful corsage, and a very substantial gift of money was made to Dr. Gallagher by friends who were present and some who were not present. In the few years that he has been in Berkeley, he has risen to a position of great influence not only among religious groups, but in many areas of life. It is hoped that some day he will return.

SANTA CRUZ.—Since the coming of Rev. Ed Cunningham, a new constitution has been written and adopted with the church and society merged. A cleverly written parish paper has been started, known as The Church Bell. The Sunday morning service is broadcast under the sponsorship of seven local businessmen. A new organization called "The Forty-niners" has been formed for the young married couples.

HAYWARD.—A very significant service of ground-breaking for the large, new building took place in the afternoon of March 20th. For many months the pastor, Rev. Richard C. Norberg, and the church have looked forward to this event. The project will entail the expenditure of something like \$130,000, and will give the Hayward Church one of the finest and most commodious buildings in our Conference.

ALTURAS.—The sanctuary windows are to have drapes. The sanctuary has also been cleaned and redecorated. The work was done by volunteers. The church and its pastor, Rev. William Moll Case, are looking forward to the entertainment of the Sacramento Valley Association. This is the first time in history that the Association has met in Alturas.

FAIRFAX.—Mr. Frank K. McDowell, who has served the Fairfax Church for more than two years, will close his work this summer to become ordained as a Presbyterian minister and to accept a Presbyterian Church. The Fairfax Church has come to an entirely new strength and sees its way to the calling of a full-time minister. A committee is in active search for one.

OAKLAND, FIRST.—Various departments of the Church School visited the Palestinian Institute at Pacific School of Religion. As the result of a beautiful Sunday afternoon program by the choir, funds were provided for new choir robes. At the annual meeting, it was reported by Rev. Clarence F. Reidenbach that 120 new members were received during the year.

KENWOOD.—This church has doubled its attendance by holding Sunday School during the morning worship period. The Sunday school attendance was over 90 on March 27th. In order to accommodate the pupils, use is being made of the club house nearby. Rev. H. J. Loken is pastor.

PARADISE.—The church is trying to keep pace with the expansion of this rapidly growing community. In 1948, 44 new members were added to the church roll and 12 more have been received since the turn of the year. A new organ with chimes has been purchased as a memorial to those in the recent war who returned or failed to return. It adds greatly to the worship. The church school attendance since the first of the year has greatly increased and attendance at the worship service has averaged 160 since January 1st. The choir is now gowned—these being made by the 35-50 Club—one of the social groups. The church looks forward to enlarging the sanctuary to meet the increased need for seating capacity. Its budget this year was increased to \$7,000, most of which has been pledged. Rev. Robert Kennan is pastor.

LODI, EBENEZER.—Rev. Fred W. Gross, under whose leadership this church has become one of the strongest churches in the Conference and erected and dedicated a magnificent church plant, has resigned, to take effect in May. He has not announced his future plans. The Pacific hopes that he will remain in California, and that the church will find a worthy successor.

SAN FRANCISCO, ST. JOHN'S E. & R.—This church, which is uniting with us in the Forest Hill area, is now meeting in the Legion Hall at 10th and Judah Streets. Rev. Dwight Coad, the minister, is making calls in the vicinity of the new church property at Laguna Honda and Woodside Road. The Sunday School meets at the home of Mr. Lesley Jackson.

MARTINEZ.—On Easter Sunday there will be two identical services in the church. A community hilltop sunrise service will take place with Supt. Harley H. Gill as the preacher. Dr. Ralph Hyslop of Pacific School of Religion was the speaker at the Church Night Fellowship dinner during the Holy Week. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord is pastor.

LODI, FIRST.—President Donald Hsueh of Fochow College was speaker at the Sunday School and Church services on March 27th. The church attendance during Lent is increasing. The women of the church were entertained by the Women's Association of the Ebenezer Church on March 18th. Rev. A. R. Boone is pastor.

Help for Financial Problems

Mr. Robert Cashman, layman and business manager of Chicago Theological Seminary, has recently published a book entitled "The Finances of a Church." Boards of trustees, church treasurers, and pastors have long awaited such a manual as this. Scores of times the Conference office would have found it of great value to answer questions from churches by recommending this book. It is published by Harpers, and can be secured for \$2.00. It deals with budgets, every member canvasses, capital fund campaigns, benevolences, financing women's organizations, church accounting, debts, insurance, endowments, and the obligations and most advanced methods for trustees and treasurers. Every church should have a copy constantly circulating among its leaders.



Rev. Robert W. Inglis, D.D., moderator of the Northern California Congregational Conference and pastor of Plymouth Church, Oakland. Dr. Inglis has been released by his church to visit all of the spring meetings of the district Associations. He will be the chief speaker giving the Centennial address.

OAKLAND, NEW PILGRIM.—The choir mothers sponsored the raising of \$225 for 35 handsome robes to be worn by a choir of high-school people. They were dedicated on March 6th. On the same day, a beautiful cross of redwood, built by a member of the church and erected by the trustees at the entrance of the church, was also dedicated. Rev. George W. Lindsay has been giving a set of sermons at the Wednesday evening services on the background of the Bible. A junior high group has been chartered with 19 members. The whole church plans to take over Cazadero, April 30th to May 1st.

SACRAMENTO, OAK PARK.—It is hoped that a church building can be purchased for the group by funds from the Conference and national Building Society. Four members of the "Church Membership Class" were received into the church on Easter Sunday. Rev. Theodore R. Dunlap is pastor.

LOOMIS.—On a recent Sunday, Rev. Hendrik Martynse exchanged pulpits with Rev. William F. Keeney of Auburn. The church continues to publish a twice-a-month newspaper devoted not only to church activities but to community activities as well.

SAN LORENZO.—The Sunday School is increasing rapidly with an enrollment of 700 and a weekly attendance of 450. The new P. F. group for high-school students was launched recently with 25 charter members. Rev. Homer A. Schwarz is the pastor.

FRESNO, JAPANESE.—Rev. Norio Ozaki is to be installed as pastor on May 1st. Recently the young people had a joint meeting with the Buddhist young people as a gesture of good will.

Plymouth House Program

Plymouth House, our center for students at the University of California, has a very active program under the direction of Rev. Kenneth Kinnear. On Saturday, April 9, students showed up for cleaning day to put the house in order. The calendar for each month shows weekly devotional meetings, discussion groups, parties, athletics, and good fellowship hours.

SAN JOSE.—At the annual meeting, a strategy committee was set up to study and formulate plans for the growth of the church. The sending of many boxes to Barnstadt, Germany, has resulted from the adopting of work of the American Friends Service Committee. A service of dedication for the new organ was held on Sunday, March 13th. Organ solos were played by Prof. Richard R. Jesson, guest organist. A plaque in recognition of the gift and the donors is to be placed on the console. Rev. Stephen C. Peabody is the minister.

PORTERVILLE.—This church is now the ninth on the list of Conference churches in giving to Apportionment. It has adopted its quota for "Christian World Mission." Attendance at services has increased during March. The membership of the church is now 450. Rev. Willis Goldsmith is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDIO.—The room formerly known as the "chapel" is now to be called the "lounge" in this church. The room has been furnished by a gift of several pieces of furniture, and several groups have already used it for informal gatherings. Rev. Robert W. Moon is the minister.

ORINDA.—A nine-point program of improvement and expansion of the church property was presented to the Congregation recently. The proposal included more land between the front of the church and the parking area, and improvement of buildings and roadways. Rev. Fred R. Morrow is pastor.

SURPRISE VALLEY.—Sixteen young people and two sponsors attended the youth rally at Reno in March. Rev. Robert B. Whitaker is to hold a two-weeks preaching mission in Cedarville and Eagleville immediately following Easter. Rev. Clifford S. Higby is pastor.

SAN CARLOS.—Ground was broken for the new building on March 13. The sermon was preached by Rev. H. J. Loken, former pastor, and Supt. Harley H. Gill took part in the service. Rev. Weldon Batty is pastor.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH CHURCH.—\$1,166.50 was raised for "Our Christian World Mission" in the special collection taken for "One Great Hour" on March 27th. Rev. Robert W. Inglis is the pastor.

SUNNYVALE.—During 1948, a new Wurlitzer electric organ was purchased. A divided chancel is being arranged, the work having been started by the P. F. Rev. J. K. Ballou is pastor.

SAN MATEO.—On April 8 a sacrificial dinner was served by the Fireside Group. The proceeds were used for relief. The offering for "One Great Hour" was \$1,000. Rev. Benton S. Gaskell is the minister.

Centennial Cartoon

The cartoon on the first page of the Centennial brochure, showing a woman collecting money from a miner, is an event that occurred at Mokelumne Hill when the Congregational Church was built in early days. The women of the church stood in the street of Mokelumne Hill and asked for donations when the miners returned from work. The collections for the new church building were taken in gold-pans.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Miss Mary Coxhead, Correspondent

Important notices were among the highlights of the meeting of the Federation on March 17th. The notice of the Spring Meeting of the Federation was the first to claim the attention of an unusually large attendance. The meeting is to be held in the Congregational Church in Petaluma on April 21st. Those attending are to bring their own lunch, and tea and coffee will be served by the women of both the Congregational and the E. and R. Churches.

The Spring Session will again be held at Cazadero, May 9, 10, 11. It is to be a meeting for presidents, program chairmen and devotional chairmen or their alternates. It is hoped that all three will be able to attend. Folders have been sent out describing the three days at Cazadero, and those who plan to attend or who are seriously thinking of it should sign up for these three days as early as possible.

Another important announcement was that there is a new camp manager, Mr. Otto Kuhns. Mr. Kuhns is already hard at work caring for the camp and preparing for the summer camp sessions. It was interesting to know that the new road is nearing completion. Cazadero will see a new camp session this summer, one for older adults, August 6-13. This precedes the two family camps at which Mr. Paul Reynolds will be the special speaker.

Supt. Gill, in his report on Conference finances, announced that on May 15th one big offering will be taken which will be called the Centennial Fund and which will be for Cazadero and Church Extension. It is hoped that every church in the Conference will participate in the building of this fund.

Mrs. C. R. Claiborne announced that the program for the M. E. M. Conference to be held August 5-10 has been set up and that it is not too soon to register for it.

It's good for us all to have our minds refreshed as to certain aspects of Congregationalism. Mrs. Harry Drobish, President of Sacramento Association, attended the Cleveland Meetings of the Council for Social Action with her husband, Senator Drobish, who is a member of that Council. This Council was formed in 1934. It has eighteen members, special staff members who direct its work of Race Relations, International Relations, Legislative, Agricultural and Industrial Relations. An important part of the Council's work is to send these staff members into different parts of the country to confer with ministers and laymen as to how they can best meet, not only emergencies which arise from specific tensions, but issues which undermine Christian thought and action.

Its work is based on (1) the teaching of facts, not attitudes; (2) that attitudes can be modified by education; (3) that facts can be disseminated; (4) and that to save the individual society must first be saved.

Mrs. Buell Gallagher, Social Action chairman, reported that a letter concerning displaced persons had been sent to each church with the hope that a group in the church would like to sponsor an individual or a family. She stressed the fact that in Europe there are thousands of worthy people

needing to be sponsored so that they can find new homes in our country.

Mrs. G. W. Ludlow and Mrs. Lewis Taylor, Home and Foreign Missions secretaries, gave a joint report which was most interesting. It took the form of a conversation about missions between two women. Beginning with Mrs. Taylor saying "Once I heard a church member say that he didn't know very much about missions. He wasn't very much in sympathy with them. He felt that 'that sort of thing' should be left to the women—the men had enough to do handling the affairs of the church." Mrs. Ludlow continued "and I heard a church member say that there were such good things in every religion that it didn't matter so much what one person believed in if only he lived up to the best in it." They then went on to converse with each other as to the meaning of missions, and what missionaries are. Mrs. Ludlow, summing up the question, said that "Missionaries are those people in the fellowship of the Christian Church who are concerned for those others who do not know the saving knowledge of God through Christ. These concerned folk may be the missionaries themselves. So also may the folk at home who are concerned about others and are working to meet a need.

It was inspiring to hear Mrs. Ludlow say in the course of the conversation that fundamentally missions are a religious enterprise, and to hear Mrs. Taylor say that while there may come a time when non-Christian countries will be equal to nominally Christian countries in such matters as health and education, "that there would still be a basic need for the religious message and service of the Christian mission."

In speaking of hospitals as a missionary concern, Mrs. Ludlow told her audience of what a mission hospital meant to the natives. One of the natives who was ill decided to go to the "place of doctors" for help. He was too poor to hire transportation so he walked and at times crawled to the hospital. The attendants at the hospital, not a little surprised that one so ill could come so far by himself, asked him why he had punished himself this way, particularly when he could have stopped at the government station on the way to secure medical aid there. His answer was "They told me God is here."

In the absence of a speaker for the afternoon session, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham and Rev. Kenneth Kinnear showed the Conference film "We Would Be Building." This film is in color and tells the thrilling story of the building of a new church. It is available for any church who wants to use it. Contact Rev. W. W. Meyer, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4, California.

INTERESTING LECTURE By DR. C. H. OLDS

Churches desiring speakers for special occasions will be interested to know that Rev. Corwin H. Olds of Campbell has an address on "Congregationalism in Kalaupapa—the Leper Colony of Molokai." It is illustrated with scenic kodachrome slides and is based on personal visits by Dr. Olds. There would be no charge other than travel expense.

Ordination

The Pacific is happy to announce that Dennis Bennett, the son of Rev. J. H. Bennett, was ordained as a Congregational minister in Amboy, Illinois, on March 31. He has accepted the leadership of the Paradise Hills Church in San Diego. Rev. J. H. Bennett was present at the ordination.

Ministers' Wives' Luncheon

Ministers' wives' luncheon will be held at home of Mrs. Robert W. Inglis, 218 San Carlos Avenue, Piedmont, Friday, April 29, at 12:30. (Price of luncheon, 50 cents.) Reservations must be made by April 27 with Mrs. Inglis (Olympic 2-9073) or Mrs. J. H. Price (Olympic 3-3622).

THE
DAY
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Sunday, May 15, 1949

—ON WHICH we recall the vision, the deeds, the sacrifices of the men and women who established our churches a century ago;

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—ON WHICH we will gird ourselves for the still greater days that lie ahead;

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—ON WHICH we will make our investment in the training and inspiring of our youth by sharing in much needed improvements at Cazadero;

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—ON WHICH we help to found and carry forward new churches and Sunday schools among the people who have made the new trek to California; in short

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—ON WHICH we bring a minimum of \$35,000 into our churches to apply on the One Hundred Thousand Dollar CENTENNIAL FUND.

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